

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8-9, 11, 13, and 20 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing paper documents with handwritten notations, comprising:

capturing a first image of a first paper document; ~~and~~
detecting whether the first image contains a handwritten notation; and
printing the first image only if the first image contains at least one handwritten notation.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting whether the first image contains handwritten notations comprises using optical character recognition to detect typewritten characters.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 ~~2~~, further comprising generating location information for the handwritten notation.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising printing the location information.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising storing the location information in a memory.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising superimposing a margin mark onto the first image adjacent to the handwritten notation.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
capturing a second image of a second paper document, wherein the second paper document comprises a copy of the first paper document and a handwritten notation; and
detecting ~~whether the second image contains a~~ handwritten notation.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, ~~further comprising~~ wherein detecting the handwritten notation comprises comparing the first image to the second image.
10. (Original) The method of claim 8, further generating notation summary information for the first paper document and the second paper document.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting whether the first image contains handwritten notations comprises ~~comparing~~ scanning a first copy of the first image, storing the first copy of the first image in a storage device, scanning a second copy of the first image, and comparing the second copy of the first image to the first copy of the first image.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting whether the first image contains handwritten notations comprises detecting color differences in the first image.
13. (Currently Amended) A copying apparatus for documents containing handwritten notations, comprising:
a scanner for capturing an image of a first document; and

a processor configured to determine whether the image of the first document contains a handwritten notation and configured to print the first image only if the image contains at least one handwritten notation.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to perform optical character recognition.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to superimpose a margin mark adjacent to the handwritten notation.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to generate notation summary information for the document.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to compare the image of the first document to a previous image of the first document.

19. (Original) A photocopier for managing handwritten comments on multiple copies of a document, comprising:

- (a) a scanner for capturing a digital image a page of a document;
- (b) a programmable processor coupled to the scanner; and
- (c) a printer coupled to the programmable processor;

wherein the programmable processor is programmed to detect handwritten comments on the least one page and to selectively:

generate notation summary information for the page based on the detection;

superimpose a margin mark adjacent to the handwritten comments; and
print the image of the page only if the page includes at least one handwritten
comment.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:
a program configured to perform a method of managing paper documents with handwritten
notations, comprising:

- (a) capturing a first image of a first paper document; and
- (b) detecting whether the first image contains a handwritten notation; and
- (c) printing the first image only if the first image contains at least one handwritten
notation; and[[.]]

a signal bearing media bearing the program.